

C1 wheelchair when an associated door is open, the pivotal connection being arranged at the outside of the floor section,

wherein the floor section serves as a load surface for the wheelchair, and the ramp remains in a secured upright position when the floor section is occupied by the wheelchair.

C2 9. (Amended) A vehicle according to Claim 8, wherein a hinge action of the hinge can be blocked when the ramp is in the secured upright position.

C3 13. (Amended) A method of making a vehicle with a ramp for a wheelchair, comprising:

providing a vehicle floor with a lowered floor section serving as a load surface for the wheelchair, and

pivottally connecting a ramp at the outside of the floor section so the ramp swings towards a road surface to assist movement of the wheelchair when an associated door is open,

wherein the ramp in a lowered position forms one surface with the vehicle floor and is accommodated by the lowered floor section, and the ramp remains in a secured upright position when the lowered floor section is occupied by the wheelchair.

**Applicant's Remarks are set forth starting on the following page.**